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In response to the Office action mailed December 14, 2006, please consider the following remarks beginning on page 2. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition to extend the time to respond to the Office action by three (3) months, up to and including May 14, 2007, and encloses the required petition fee.

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